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In re US Patent Application of)
Thomas W. Astle) Art Unit: 1655
Serial No. 09/460,107)
Filed: December 13, 1999) Examiner: F Lu
Title: CONTINUOUS POLYMERASE CHAIN)
REACTION PROCESS WITH MULTIPLE)
TEMPERATURE STATIONS) Date: July 26, 2000.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed April 26, 2000, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire July 26, 2000.